

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald Hill on March 14, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

Page 9, after line 7 the following new paragraph has been inserted:

"FIG. 1 illustrates an apparatus and method for producing pre-stretched plastics material film in accordance with one embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 2 depicts an end view of a portion of a mechanism for applying pre-stretched plastics material film to a bale for producing silage, in accordance with one embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 3 depicts a side view of the portion of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the mechanism for applying pre-stretched plastics material film to a bale."

Page 13, line 25: "to 6" has been deleted.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHEEBA AHMED whose telephone number is (571)272-1504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on (571)272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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